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SUBJECT: REQUEST AIRLIFT BRIEFING FOR THE DPC

REF: A. USNATO 1426 NOTAL

B. USNATO 1883 NOTAL

C. STATE 78301 NOTAL

D. USNMR SHAPE DTG 211145Z AUG 74 NOTAL

E. USNATO 4376 NOTAL

SUMMARY: IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PERMREP UNDERSTANDING OF AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES NEEDED FOR REINFORCEMENT OF NATO, MISSION REQUESTS AIRLIFT BRIEFING FOR DPC PERMREPS DURING LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. MISSION BELIEVES SUCH A BRIEFING WILL BE HELPFUL IN FUTURE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SELECTED ALLIES FOR SUPPORT FACILITIES AND FUNDING. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. AS A STEP TO IMPROVE ALLIES UNDERSTANDING OF US AIRLIFT
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REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY AND THE NEEDED RECEPTION FACILITIES
THROUGHOUT NATO,

MISSION BELIEVES NATO PERMREPS SHOULD RECEIVE A BRIEFING ALONG
LINES GIVEN TO SYG LUNS AND AMB RUMSFELD BY THE MILITARY AIRLIFT

COMMANDER DURING THEIR VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN MAY. A BRIEFING TAILORED FOR PERMREPS OF NATO'S DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS A GOOD WAY TO DEVELOP A FULL APPRECIATION AMONG OUR ALLIES OF THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE AIRLIFT RECEPTION FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE OR HOST NATION FUNDING, AND THE USE OF A CIVIL AIR FLEET IN THE EVENT OF MAJOR CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE WARSAW PACT. THERE IS LITTLE POINT IN RUSHING WAR MATERIAL TO REINFORCE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE IF THE RECEPTION FACILITIES, LINE OF COMMUNICATION AND LOGISTICS SYSTEM ON THE CONTINENT CANNOT ABSORB THESE REINFORCEMENTS.

2. MISSION ENVISIONS AN AIRLIFT BRIEFING BY USAF OR DOD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DPC DURING LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. WE PROPOSE THAT THE BRIEFING CONTAIN INFORMATION ON AIRLIFT PERFORMANCE DURING MIDDLE EAST WAR, US MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, RECEPTION FACILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND EMPHASIZE THE POTENTIAL OF THE ALLIES' CIVIL AIR FLEET FOR INTRA-THEATER SUPPORT. MISSION SHOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW BRIEFING SCRIPTS AND VISUAL AIDS SEVERAL WEEKS IN ADVANCE. THE BRIEFING OFFICER SHOULD PLAN TO MAKE DRY RUNS AND FINAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BRIEFING AT THE MISSION PRIOR TO PRESENTATION TO THE DPC. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE TIME NEEDED FOR THE BRIEFING, INCLUDING A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, TO EXCEED FORTY-FIVEMINUTES. BRIEFING SHOULD BE STRUCTURED IN A MANNER TO AVOID CAUSING THE FRG APPREHENSION ABOUT AIRLIFTS OF THEIR FUNDED INVENTORY OF MATERIAL IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. THE AIRLIFT BRIEFING SHOULD PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION TO PERMREPS WHICH SHOULD BENEFIT BILATERAL NEGOTIATION WITH SELECTED ALLIES FOR THE NEED RECEPTION FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE OR HOST NATION FUNDING FOR STAND-BY OPERATING BASES FOR AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT. SINCE ALLIES HAVE REACTED FAVORABLY TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS ON COLLOCATED OPERATING BASES FOR REINFORCING TACTICAL AIRCRAFT,

MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WELL TO FOLLOW-ON WITH NEGOTIATIONS
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FOR ADDITIONAL BASES TO MEET AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS.

4. SUGGEST BRIEFING ALSO BE PRESENTED TO MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC) TO STIMULATE MC ACTIONS TO IDENTIFY AIRLIFT RECEPTION REQUIREMENTS IN NATO (REF E).

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